

In the Specification:

At page 8, after line 8:

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As shown in Fig. 4A, a sealing groove 20 between the areas at the joints of the side wall elements S is covered at least on one of two outer layers 2.1 by the sealing tape 2.7. The sealing groove 20 is closed off with the sealing material 2.8 at least on one of its areas joining the two outer layers 2.1.

In the Claims:

In the Claims, please substitute the following Claims 1, 2 and 5 (Twice Amended), and 8, 10, 11 and 12 (Amended) for the pending Claims 1, 2 and 5 (Amended) and 8, 10, 11 and 12, respectively.

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Sub 1. (Twice Amended) In a secure room for a device used in connection with information technology, having fireproof side walls (2) with a door (5), a floor (4) and a ceiling (3), wherein the side walls (2) are assembled from plate-shaped individual elements (S, E) which are arranged side-by-side, are designed fireproof and extend from the floor (4) to the ceiling (3), and the ceiling (3) is assembled from plate-shaped individual elements (D) which are arranged side-by-side and designed fireproof, wherein fireproof sealing elements (2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8) are arranged in joints between the individual elements (S, D, E) having at least two

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fireproof layers (I, II, III), and the individual elements (S, D, E) are held against each other by a connection (2.9, 14) which pushes the sealing elements (2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8) together, the improvement comprising:

the sealing elements (2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8) having an expanding seal (2.5) when viewed in a cross section is arranged in a central area and expands in an event of a fire and arranged laterally therefrom high-temperature seals (2.6) which withstand temperatures up to several hundred degrees Centigrade, the high-temperature seals (2.6) positioned in a sealing groove formed by the joints, and

the individual elements (S, D, E) are constructed in layers with outside layers of steel (2.1, 3.1) arranged on exteriors of the individual elements (S, D, E) and with at least two of the fireproof layers (I, II, III) between them, the at least two fireproof layers withstand the temperatures up to several hundred degrees Centigrade.

2. (Twice Amended) In the secure room in accordance with claim 1, wherein the sealing groove between areas at joints of the individual elements (S, D, E) is covered at least on one of two outer sides by a sealing tape (2.7).

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Shc 1/ 5. (Twice Amended) In the secure room in accordance with claim 4, wherein the connection at the outer coverings (2.1, 3.1) has connecting elements (2.9) in the area of the sealing grooves, which have grooves open at the sides and

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tapering conically toward the top, and closure elements (14) which taper toward the top pressable on the connecting elements (2.9) of the adjoining individual elements (S, D, E) with lateral bevels and clampingly fixable in place.

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sub c) 8. (Amended) In the secure room in accordance with claim 1, wherein the sealing groove between areas at joints of the individual elements (S, D, E) is closed off with a sealing material (2.8) at least on one area adjoining the two outer sides.

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sub c) 10. (Amended) In a secure room for a device used in connection with information technology, having fireproof side walls (2) with a door (5), a floor (4) and a ceiling (3), wherein the side walls (2) are assembled from plate-shaped individual elements (S, E) which are arranged side-by-side, are designed fireproof and extend from the floor (4) to the ceiling (3), and the ceiling (3) is assembled from plate-shaped individual elements (D) which are arranged side-by-side and designed fireproof, wherein fireproof sealing elements (2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8) are arranged in joints between the individual elements (S, D, E) having at least two fireproof layers (I, II, III), and the individual elements (S, D, E) are held against each other by a connection (2.9, 14) which pushes the sealing elements (2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8) together, the improvement comprising:

the sealing elements (2.5, 2.6/2.7, 2.8) having an expanding seal (2.5) when viewed in a cross section is arranged in a central area and expands in an event of a fire and arranged laterally therefrom high-temperature seals (2.6) which withstand temperatures up to several hundred degrees Centigrade,

the individual elements (S, D, E) constructed in layers with outside layers of steel (2.1, 3.1) arranged on exteriors of the individual elements (S, D, E) and with at least two of the layers (I, II, III) between them, the at least two of the layers withstanding the temperatures up to several hundred degrees Centigrade, and

the connection at the outer coverings (2.1, 3.1) having connecting elements (2.9) in an area of sealing grooves which have grooves, open at sides and tapering conically toward the top, and closure elements (14) which taper toward the top pressable on the connecting elements (2.9) of the adjoining individual elements (S, D, E) with lateral bevels and clampingly fixable in place.

11. (Amended) In a secure room for a device used in connection with information technology, having fireproof side walls (2) with a door (5), a floor (4) and a ceiling (3), wherein the side walls (2) are assembled from plate-shaped individual elements (S, E) which are arranged side-by-side, are designed fireproof and extend from the floor (4) to the ceiling (3), and the ceiling (3) is assembled from plate-shaped individual elements (D) which are arranged side-by-side and designed

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fireproof, wherein fireproof sealing elements (2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8) are arranged in joints between the individual elements (S, D, E) having at least two fireproof layers (I, II, III), and the individual elements (S, D, E) are held against each other by a connection (2.9, 14) which pushes the sealing elements (2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8) together, the improvement comprising:

the sealing elements (2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8) having an expanding seal (2.5) when viewed in a cross section is arranged in a central area and expands in an event of a fire and arranged laterally therefrom high-temperature seals (2.6) which withstand temperatures up to several hundred degrees Centigrade,

the individual elements (S, D, E) constructed in layers with outside layers of steel (2.1, 3.1) arranged on exteriors of the individual elements (S, D, E) and with at least two of the layers (I, II, III) between them, the at least two of the layers withstanding the temperatures up to several hundred degrees Centigrade, and

undersides of the side walls (2) inserted into U-shaped floor profiles (2.3) open toward the top, and the seals and the connection (2.9, 14) covered at least on an inside of the secure room with profiled linings (15).

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12. (Amended) In a secure room for a device used in connection with information technology, having fireproof side walls (2) with a door (5), a floor (4) and a ceiling (3), wherein the side walls (2) are assembled from plate-shaped individual elements (S, E) which are arranged side-by-side, are designed fireproof and extend from the floor (4) to the ceiling (3), and the ceiling (3) is assembled from plate-shaped individual elements (D) which are arranged side-by-side and designed fireproof, wherein fireproof sealing elements (2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8) are arranged in joints between the individual elements (S, D, E) having at least two fireproof layers (I, II, III), and the individual elements (S, D, E) are held against each other by a connection (2.9, 14) which pushes the sealing elements (2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8) together, the improvement comprising:

the sealing elements (2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8) having an expanding seal (2.5) when viewed in a cross section is arranged in a central area and expands in an event of a fire and arranged laterally therefrom high-temperature seals (2.6) which withstand temperatures up to several hundred degrees Centigrade,

the individual elements (S, D, E) are constructed in layers with outside layers of steel (2.1, 3.1) arranged on exteriors of the individual elements (S, D, E) and with at least two of the layers (I, II, III) between them, the at least two of the layers withstanding the temperatures up to several hundred degrees Centigrade, and